

Q1 the opening 247 is provided at its center of the thin film portion 248. The sealing member 226 may be a duck bill valve or a slit valve.

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 53 of the application with the following (see the attachment for details of the amendment):

--ABSTRACT

Q2 A trocar sheath tube includes an insert portion introduced into the inside of a body. The insert portion has a tube passage. The tube passage enables internal passage of a medical instrument and guides the medical instrument into the inside of a body. A holding portion is provided at the proximal end side of the insert portion in order to hold the proximal end side of the medical instrument inserted through the insert portion. The holding portion has an opening communicating with the tube passage of the insert portion. A sealing member is removably mounted to the opening of the holding portion, and has a first sealing portion in intimate contact with the medical instrument. The sealing member seals a space between the medical instrument and the holding portion by the first sealing portion. A fixing member fixes the sealing member to the holding portion.--